

August 8, 2002

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.,
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of
Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, CC Docket No. 01-338;

Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-98; and

Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications
Capability, CC Docket No. 98-147.

Appropriate Regulatory Treatment for Broadband Access to the Internet
over Cable Facilities, CS Docket No. 02-52

Notice of Oral Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, August 8, 2002 Mr. Peter Pitsch, Intel, Inc. met with Mr. Robert Pepper, Chief of the Office of Plans and Policy. In the course of the discussion Mr. Pitsch made several points contained in the High Tech Broadband Coalition's pleadings filed in the above referenced FCC broadband proceedings including:

- HTBC represents the leading trade associations (BSA, CEA, ITI, NAM, SIA, TIA) of the computer, telecommunications equipment, semiconductor, consumer electronic, software and manufacturing sectors.

- HTBC is unique -- a coalition of trade associations representing over 15,000 companies that participate in the non carrier broadband “value chain.”
- HTBC is committed to the achievement of rapid and ubiquitous deployment of fast interactive, content-rich and affordable broadband services.
- It believes that the best way to reach universal adoption of broadband is strong broadband facilities-based competition among cable modem, wire line broadband (xDSL/fiber), satellite, fixed and wireless alternatives.
- The HTBC believes that the FCC should strive to achieve a minimal regulatory environment that encourages all companies to make the costly and economically risky investments in last mile broadband facilities we need to get the full benefits of the Internet.
- Specifically, it believes that the Commission should refrain from imposing unbundling obligations on new last mile broadband facilities, including fiber and DSL electronics deployed on the customer side of the central office.
- DSL services already face substantial competition from the market-leading cable modem service and emerging satellite and wireless broadband services.
- Minimizing these unbundling obligations will reward those who take the risk of investing and thereby promote facilities-based competition and deployment.
- A ruling on the broadband bundling reform should be the FCC’s top priority--reform would boost not just the telecom industry but also manufacturers.

Mr. Pitsch gave Mr. Pepper the following attachment that contains hyperlinks to the HTBC’s pleadings.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being submitted to the Secretary's Office and to Robert Pepper. Please inform me if any questions should arise in connection with this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter K. Pitsch

cc:
Robert Pepper